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The Story Thus Far...

This is the tale of the Vampire King Duzell and his quest for revenge against the good King Phelios, a valiant warrior who slew the vampire a century ago. Now Duzell has returned, reincarnated as a feline foe to deliver woe to... well, that's the problem. Who is the reincarnation of King Phelios?

The princess Ishtar, heir to the Phellostan throne, is required by law to wed a man from the royal family. The problem with that law is that the men in the royal family are a bunch of spoiled little mama's boys. Ishtar would no sooner wed one of them than she would Sir Keld's one-eyed nag. Besides, she's set her heart on her protector, Sir Darres. Strong, good-natured and very handsome, it's little wonder how Darres managed to capture her affections, and after Prince Yuujel announces that Darres is actually his half-brother, it would seem as if nothing could put off the sound of wedding bells...except for that very loud gasp of disbelief. You see, the only problem with Yuujel's announcement is that it's not true. Everyone knows this, but no one can prove it, and the one person who might have been able to clear all this up, Lady Sonia of Zi Alda, recently passed away and has really been no help at all.

Yes, Yuujel (or Yujinn, as he's also known) has managed to pull off quite a little coup, and it would appear that there's nothing anyone can do about it...or is there? One man is determined to expose Yuujel's ruse: Lord Lassen of Mil Sell. Lassen is the sort of guy you'd expect to find living in a haunted house. In fact, Lassen probably DID live in a haunted house until the ghosts finally became too scared of HIM. Lassen, like most of the royal family, wants to be king of Phellosta. But he's not exactly the marrying type. He's more the brutally-murdering-then-taking-a-bath-in-his-victim's-entrails type. And the fact that he's dispatched the Vampire Sharlen and the brutal knight Hume to Phellosta should be enough to get Ishtar to stop swooning and start shivering.

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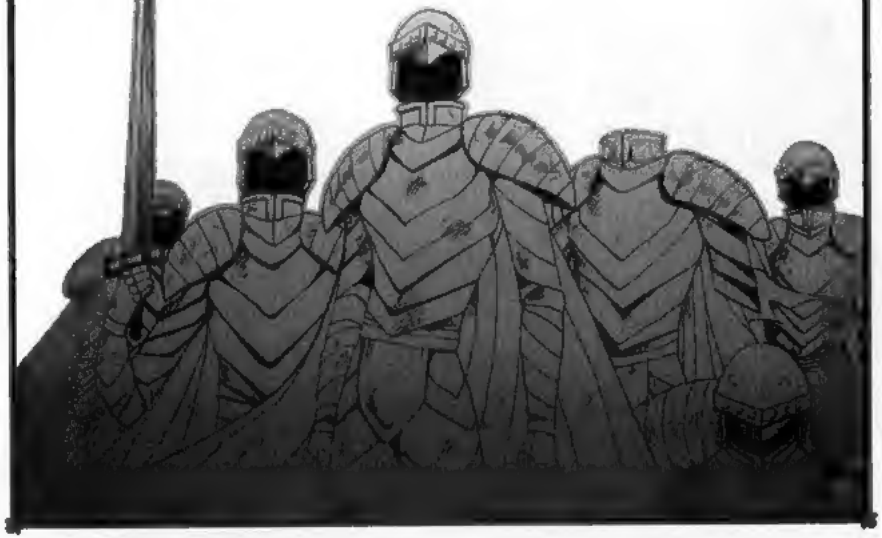

TA-THUMP TA-THUMP
Kaff!
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S BEEN A CHANGE...
...IN TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE.
ISHTAR IS IN LOVE WITH YOU.
SHE LOVES YOU WITH ALL HER HEART.
YUJINN CAN'T BE SERIOUS.

Pheliosta Castle
UM... WELL...

CAN DARRES REALLY GO THROUGH WITH THIS?
SO WHAT ARE WE UP TO?
COULD HE REALLY...
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.....
...MARRY ME?
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I LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE IN THE WORLD.
THEN AGAIN...
REALLY?

YUJINN!
MIL SEII? THEY'LL BE LASSEN'S MEN!
OF COURSE.

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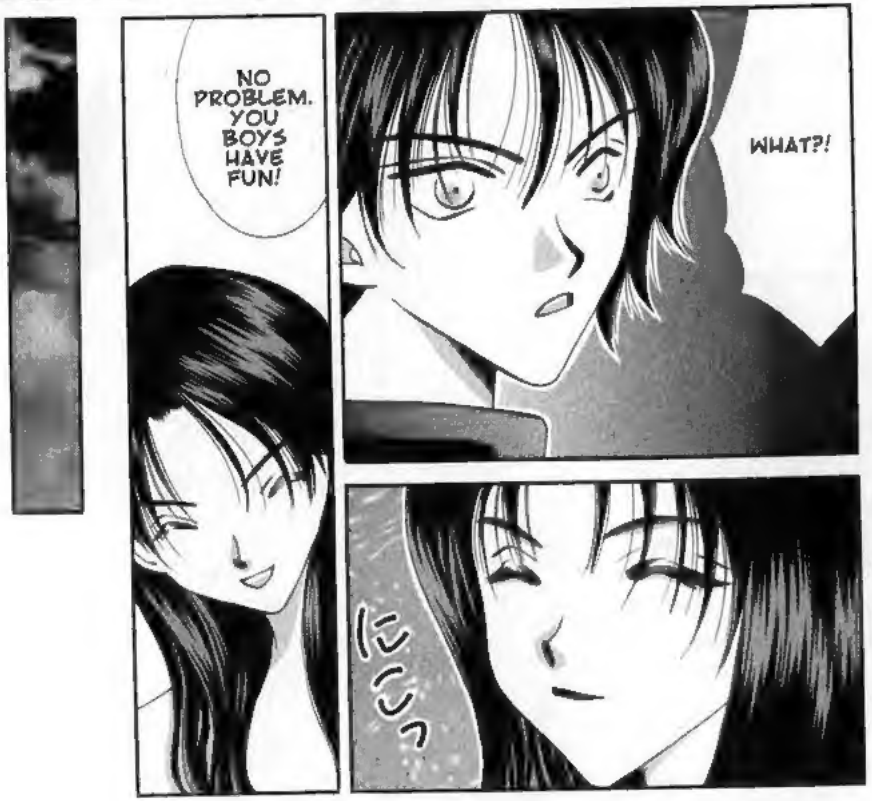
.....
SOMETHING'S CHANGED BETWEEN US. THERE'S THIS WEIRD TENSION IN THE AIR.
OH, RIGHT.
LET'S SEE...
TONIGHT YOU'RE ENGAGED TO... I MEAN YOU HAVE AN APPOINTMENT TO...
...RECEIVE THE ENVOY FROM MIL SEII.

LET ME GUESS, SHE'S GOING TO PLAY SICK, THEN SNEAK OUT THE WINDOW...
DUZIE! ARE YOU COMING OR NOT?

I PROMISE YOU CAN HAVE HIM BACK THIS EVENING.
BUT THEY WON'T HURT YOU. I PROMISE.
IN THE MEANTIME, DO YOU MIND IF I BORROW MY... AHEM... BROTHER?


NO PROBLEM. YOU BOYS HAVE FUN!
WHAT?!
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That's right! You've got all your powers now! You can conjure whatever clothes you want!

IF WE DON'T HURRY, WE'RE GOING TO LOSE THEM!
MAYBE YOU SHOULD GO AS ME.
YOU DON'T WANT TO ATTRACT TOO MUCH ATTENTION, AND RESURRECTED VAMPIRE KINGS USUALLY DO.
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OF COURSE I HAVE.
I'M SURE HE'LL TURN DOWN THE THRONE AND ME ALONG WITH IT.
THEN, I SUPPOSE, I'LL HAVE TO FACE REALITY.
I NEVER REALLY THOUGHT IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR DARRES TO FALL IN LOVE WITH ME.
STILL, A GIRL CAN DREAM, RIGHT?

...THAT DARRES MIGHT NOT WANT TO TAKE THE THRONE OF PHELIOSTA?
PRINCESS, HAVE YOU CONSIDERED...
OR MARRY YOU, FOR THAT MATTER?
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NEVER?
MAYBE FOR A MINUTE. LET'S GO!

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THEY'VE BEEN TAILING US SINCE WE LEFT THE CASTLE. PRETTY BADLY, I MIGHT ADD.
RELAX.
WE HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM THEM
WOULD YOU FEEL BETTER IF WE LOST THEM? OR HAD THEM TAKEN CARE OF?
TAKEN CARE OF?
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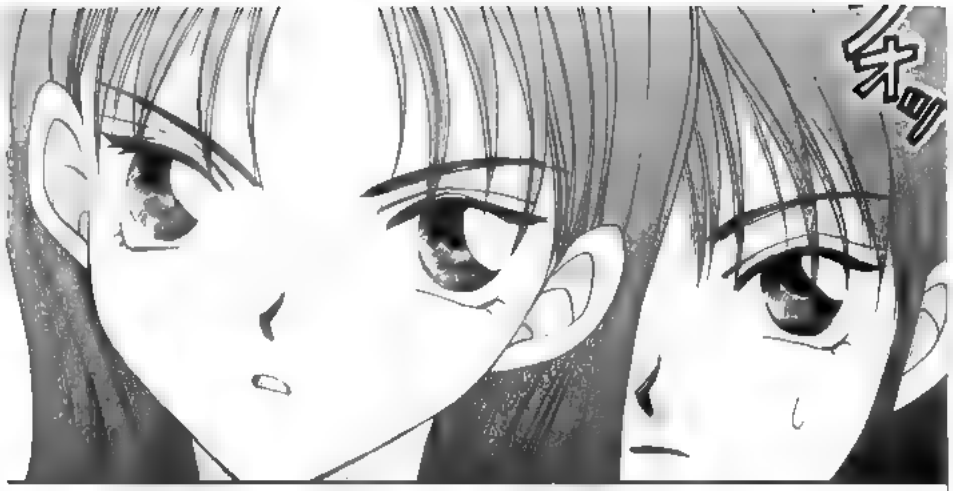
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WE'VE GOT COMPANY.
WHAT'S THE DEAL?
WHY'D YOU DRAG ME OUT HERE?
HOLD IT.

YOU'RE WORRIED, AREN'T YOU?
THIS WHOLE SCHEME COULD BACKFIRE ON YOU, TOO.
STOP TREATING ME LIKE AN IDIOT, YUUJEL!
YOU'RE ON THE BALL TODAY!
How unusual.

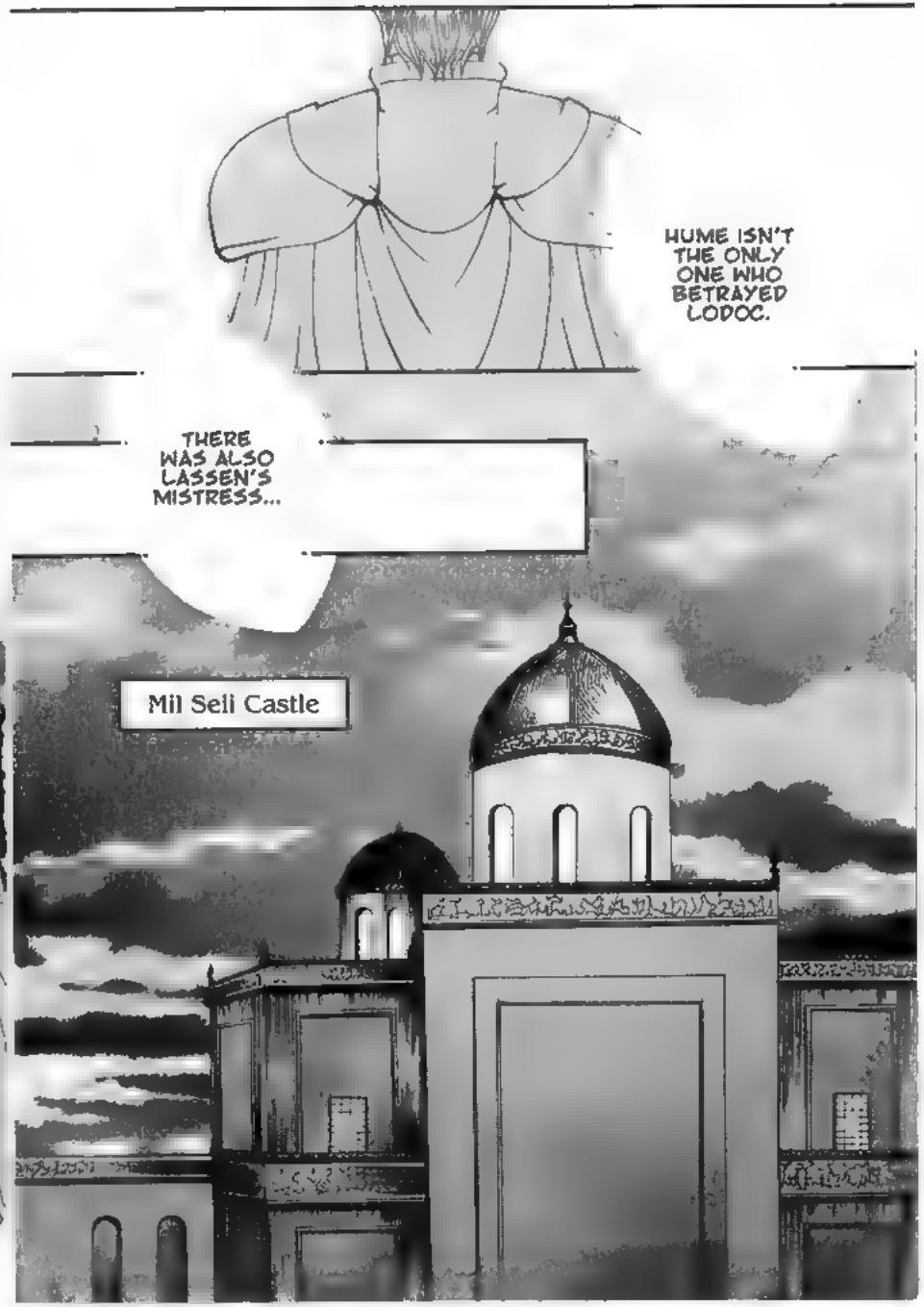
YOU'RE UPSET. I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT. HOW ABOUT I MAKE IT UP TO YOU BY SHOWING YOU SOMETHING FROM YOUR PAST?
MY PAST?

OI, ROYALS! THAT PRINCESS OF YOURS AROUND?!
INSOLENCE! WHO DOES THAT MAN THINK HE IS?

WOULD YOU MIND WAITING UNTIL THE TIME OF YOUR APPOINT-MENT?
NO PROBLEM, POPS.
WE'LL SEE THE SIGHTS 'ROUND THIS TWO-HORSE 'BURG AND BE BACK TONIGHT.

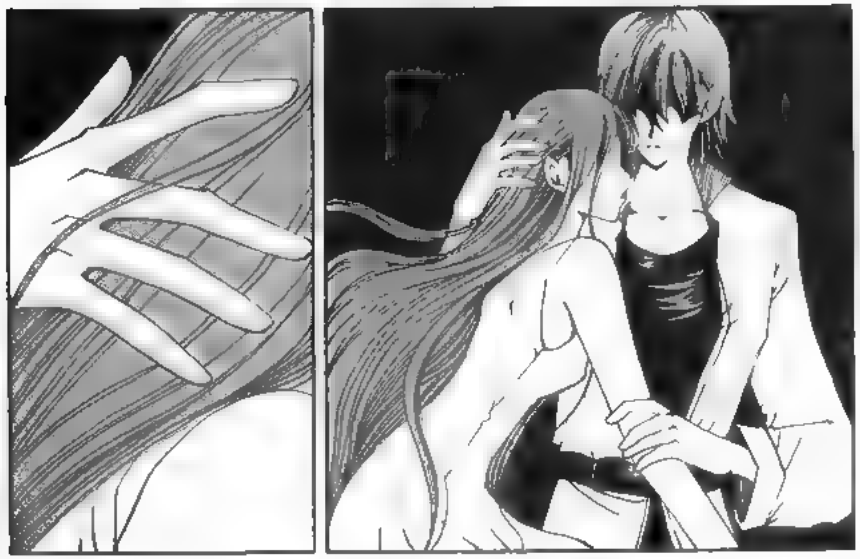
DON'T YOU KNOW?
HE HELPED LORD LASSEN OVERRUN LODOC!
I LIKE IT WHEN MY REPUTATION PRECEDES ME.

WE WEREN'T EXPECTING YOU UNTIL THIS EVENING.
AND UNFORTU-NATELY THE PRINCESS IS IN-DISPOSED AT THE MOMENT.
YOU MUST BE...ER... LORD HUME.


HUME ISN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO BETRAYED LODOC.
THERE WAS ALSO LASSEN'S MISTRESS...
Mil Seli Castle

...AND FLY INTO HIS ARMS.
.....
A LITTLE MORE AND YOU COULD GROW YOUR OWN WINGS...
IT'S A PITY THAT TIGHT, LITTLE BODY OF YOURS...
...HAS SO LITTLE MAGICAL STRENGTH.
LADY LAILA.
...LORD SHARUEN AND LORD HUME HAVE ARRIVED.
NO NEWS YET...
...ON WHETHER THEY FOUND
...THE ONE YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR.

...MAKE YOUR EVERY DESIRE A REALITY.
OUR LORD SHARLEN WILL...
DO NOT FRET, LADY.



THIS WE SWEAR.
FLYING RATS. OUT. NOW.
THE LAST THING I NEED IS MORE BATS IN THIS BELFRY.

AND SO I'VE DECIDED...
...TO MOUNT HIS HEAD OVER OUR BED. QUITE A TURN-ON, NO?
DON'T WORRY, MY LOVE.
WE'LL FIND HIM.
I KNOW HOW YOU LONG...
...TO SEE YOUR KING AGAIN.
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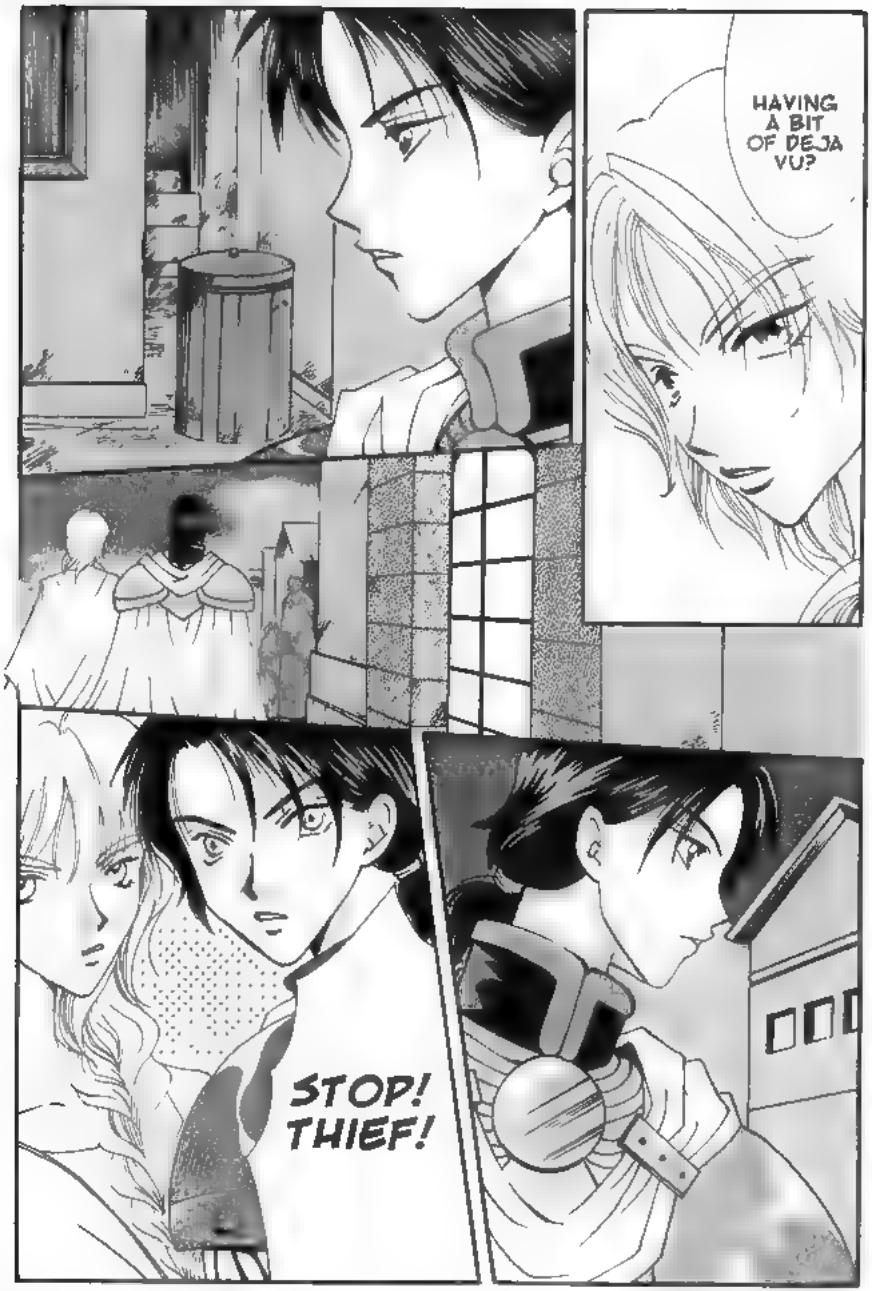
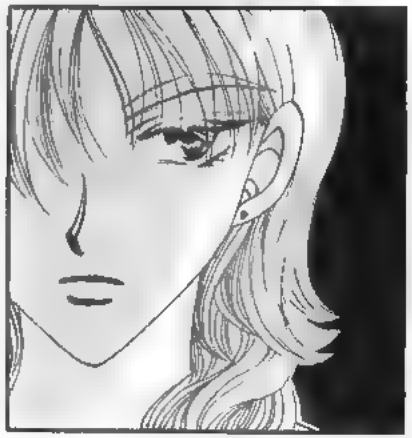

HAVING A BIT OF DEJA VU?
STOP! THIEF!

I-I KNOW THIS PLACE. THIS IS...



JUST TRYING TO STAY ALIVE. IT'S HARD WHEN YOU HAVE NOTHING WORTH LIVING FOR.

MY BROTHER'S SICK! WE HAVEN'T EATEN IN DAYS!
I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN IT!
I'VE GOT KIDS OF MY OWN TO FEED! WHAT ABOUT THEM? EH?!
LOOK, KID, SICK BROTHER OR NOT, YOU CAN'T STEAL MY BREAD.
WAAAAH!
WE'RE SORRY!

I'D BEEN CAUGHT STEALING A LOAF OF BREAD.
THEY WERE GOING TO BRAND ME, BUT SELEN INTERVENED.
.....

I'LL PAY FOR THEIR BREAD.
ISHTAR?!
.....
!!
LET HIM GO!

...
I STILL DON'T UNDER-STAND...
...WHY WE'RE BOTHERING WITH ANY OF THIS. KNOCKING THE PRINCESS OFF WOULD BE A LOT EASIER.
YOU KILL THE PRINCESS, AND LORD LASSEN...
...BECOMES THE MAIN SUSPECT.
NOT SO LOUD, HUME.
AND REMEMBER OUR ORDERS.
MIL SEII COULD NEVER STAND AGAINST...
...THE OTHER KINGDOMS ON ITS OWN.

AND FOR YOUR TROUBLE... SIR.

ONLY IF EVERYTHING SHE HOLDS DEAR IS DESTROYED...
...WILL ISHTAR, THE REINCARNATION OF PHELIOS, SUBMIT TO DEATH.
I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT, BATS. IT'S JUST THAT IT WOULD BE SO MUCH FUN...
LIKE HER GREAT-GRANDFATHER, SHE'LL TRY TO SACRIFICE HERSELF FOR HER LOVED ONES
...BUT IN THE END, SHE'LL END UP IN DESPAIR, SLOWLY WASTING AWAY UNTIL THERE'S NOTHING LEFT
YOU WORRY ABOUT OBTAINING DUZELL'S HEAD FOR LORD LASSEN...
...AND I'LL WORRY ABOUT THE PRINCESS...
...AS WELL AS THIS NEW SUITOR OF HERS.

FOR THIS CIVIL WAR TO WORK, WE'RE GOING TO NEED HELP.
...THE STAIN OF THE HOUSE OF PHELIOS FROM THIS WORLD.
IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO SUCCESSFULLY WIPE...
IT'S THE ONLY WAY...
...TO ENSURE THAT ST. PHELIOS STAYS DEAD.

OUT SLUMMING, YOUR HIGHNESS?
!
...I GOT LOST AND ENDED UP HERE! IMAGINE THAT! HA HA!
I MEAN...I WAS TAKING A WALK, AND...
NO! I MEAN, YES!
THAT'S THE BEST SHE COULD DO?

THAT MAN HAS GOTTEN IN MY WAY FAR TOO OFTEN.
I'LL DESTROY HIM AND THAT MEDDLESOME YUUJEL AT THE SAME TIME.
.....!
I JUST HOPE IT WORKS OUT BETTER THAN YOUR LAST PLAN...FOR YOUR SAKE.
NOW YOU'RE TALKIN' MY LANGUAGE, BATS.

AND IF IT HAPPENED AGAIN, I'D DO THE SAME.
BUT IN MY HEART, I KNOW I DID THE RIGHT THING.
HOW!!!
IN MY HEAD, I KNOW YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT...
...TEACH.

SHOULDN'T THAT CHILD BE TAUGHT THAT STEALING IS WRONG?
BUT LET ME ASK YOU THIS--DO YOU THINK YOU DID THE RIGHT THING JUST NOW?
NEXT TIME, PICK A LESS SEVERE SETTING FOR YOUR STROLLS.
YUJINN?
IN THE LONG RUN...
...AVOIDING PUNISHMENT MIGHT DO THOSE KIDS MORE HARM THAN GOOD.
HE HAS A POINT.

Meow
...SHE DIDN'T THINK TWICE.
I DIDN'T SEE A MORAL QUESTION BACK THERE, JUST A KID IN TROUBLE.
HELPING A KID OUT OF A JAM CAN'T BE WRONG, CAN IT?
SHE HAS A POINT AS WELL.
.....
WHEN I NEEDED HELP...
THEN...
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO HELP THOSE KIDS...
IF YOU LOOK AT IT THE RIGHT WAY, EVERY-BODY WINS.
A POLICY LIKE THAT WOULD MAKE YOU A VERY POPULAR PRINCESS.
SO POPULAR, THAT YOU COULD ALMOST DO ANYTHING YOU WANTED...
...AND ALL THE OTHERS LIKE THEM, WHY DON'T YOU JUST PASS A ROYAL DECREE THAT NONE OF YOUR SUBJECTS...
...SHOULD GO HUNGRY?

HUH?
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU, YOU'RE THE PRINCE OF ZI--HEY, THAT'S THE HOUSE WE'RE LOOKING FOR!
THAT PLACE LOOKS...
...FAMILIAR.

HOPE YOU LIKE MONSTERS, YUJINN, 'CUZ YOU JUST CREATED ONE
ANYTHING I WANTED?!
YOU REALLY THINK SO?!
I'D BE HONORED, YOUR MAJESTY.
!
SOUNDS GOOD, YUJINN!
I'M PUTTING YOU IN CHARGE!
DAMN YOU, YUJINN, YOU CAN'T MUDDLE IN NATIONAL AFFAIRS! YOU'RE THE PRINCE OF ZI ALDA--THAT'S A CLEAR CONFLICT OF INTEREST!
HOLD IT!
WHAT?

.....
HE WAS THE MOST HOT-TEMPERED BOY I EVER KNEW.

...BUT WHENEVER HE HEARD A COMMOTION...
...HE'D DIVE INTO THE THICK OF IT, SWINGING AT ANYONE WHO CAME NEAR I DON'T THINK THOSE BOYS KNEW WHAT THEY WERE LOOKING AT. PROBABLY THOUGHT HE WAS SOME KIND OF DEMON

MUST RUN IN THE FAMILY.

SOME FOLKS ARE JUST BORN TO BRAWL.
AND THAT FELLA, HE COULDN'T FIGHT WORTH A DARN...

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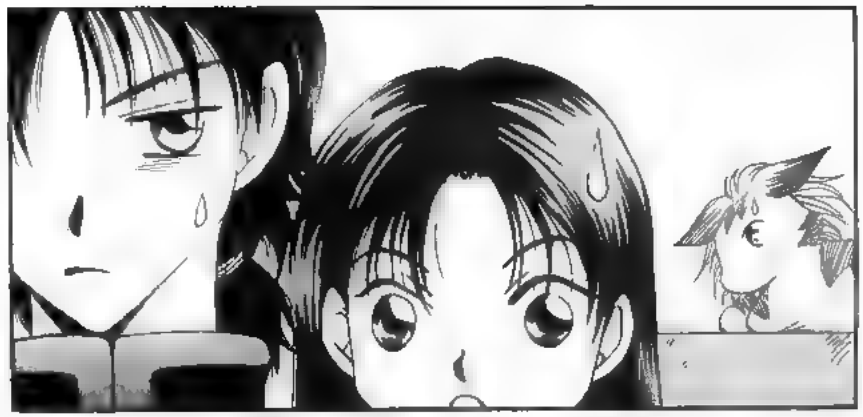
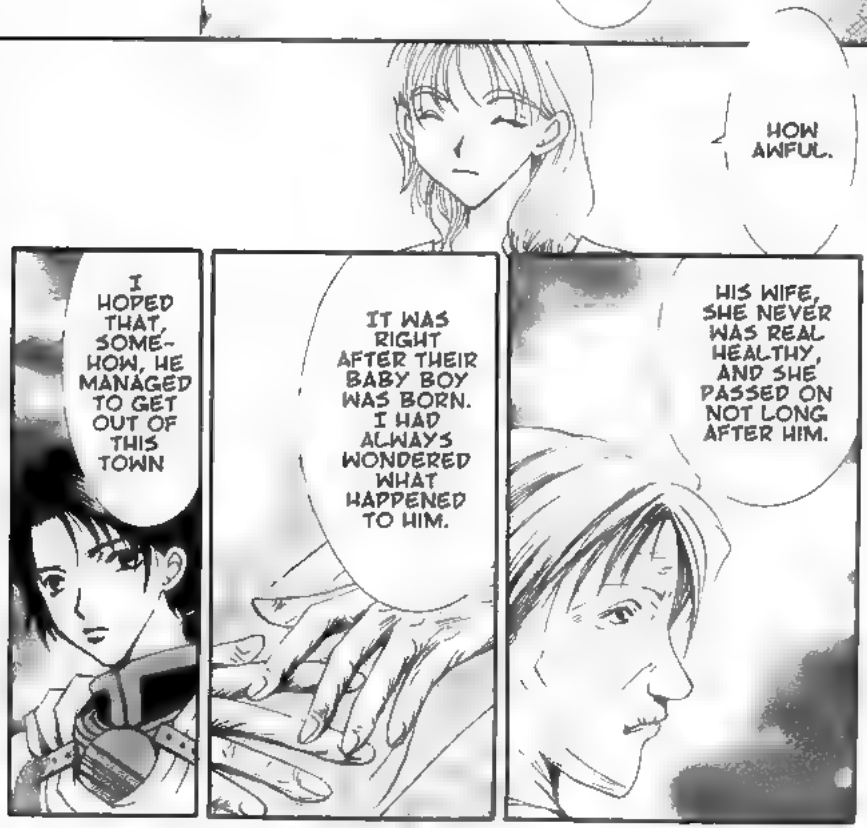


THERE'S NOT MUCH WORK AROUND HERE.
LIKE MOST PEOPLE, HE DID WHATEVER HE COULD TO GET BY.
HE ENDED UP THIEVING, BUT THE OLD FOOL NEVER WAS MUCH GOOD AT IT.

YOU DON'T SAY!
WHERE DID HE WORK?

.....
'COURSE, THE BRAWLING DIDN'T HELP.

...AND THEY WENT TO PICK HIM UP OFF THE FLOOR, HE WAS STONE DEAD.
THEN ONE DAY HE JUMPED INTO THE WRONG FIGHT, AND WHEN THE DUST CLEARED...
MOST OF THE TIME, HE WAS SO BANGED UP...
...THAT HE COULD BARELY MAKE IT OUT OF BED.


HOW AWFUL.
I HOPED THAT, SOME-HOW, HE MANAGED TO GET OUT OF THIS TOWN
IT WAS RIGHT AFTER THEIR BABY BOY WAS BORN. I HAD ALWAYS WONDERED WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM.
HIS WIFE, SHE NEVER WAS REAL HEALTHY, AND SHE PASSED ON NOT LONG AFTER HIM.

WAIT!
I DON'T WANT YOU TO GET THE WRONG IDEA.
THAT FELLA, HE REALLY LOVED HIS WIFE.

BUT HE NEVER LAID A HAND ON HER, OR EVEN RAISED HIS VOICE, THAT I EVER HEARD.
...AND HE'D JUST AS SOON SMACK YAH AS WISH YAH A GOOD MORNING.
HE WASN'T GOOD FOR MUCH...

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WE MUST BE GOING NOW, BUT THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

I'M SURE HE DID.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
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I REMEMBER HE'D GO HUNGRY...
...PRETENDING HE'D ALREADY EATEN, SO SHE COULD HAVE ENOUGH TO EAT.
HE LOVED HER MORE THAN ANYONE IN THE WORLD.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

THEY WERE YOUR PARENTS, WEREN'T THEY? THAT'S SOMETHING ELSE WE HAVE IN COMMON.

I DON'T THINK...

Heh heh heh.
WE WERE BOTH ORPHANS.

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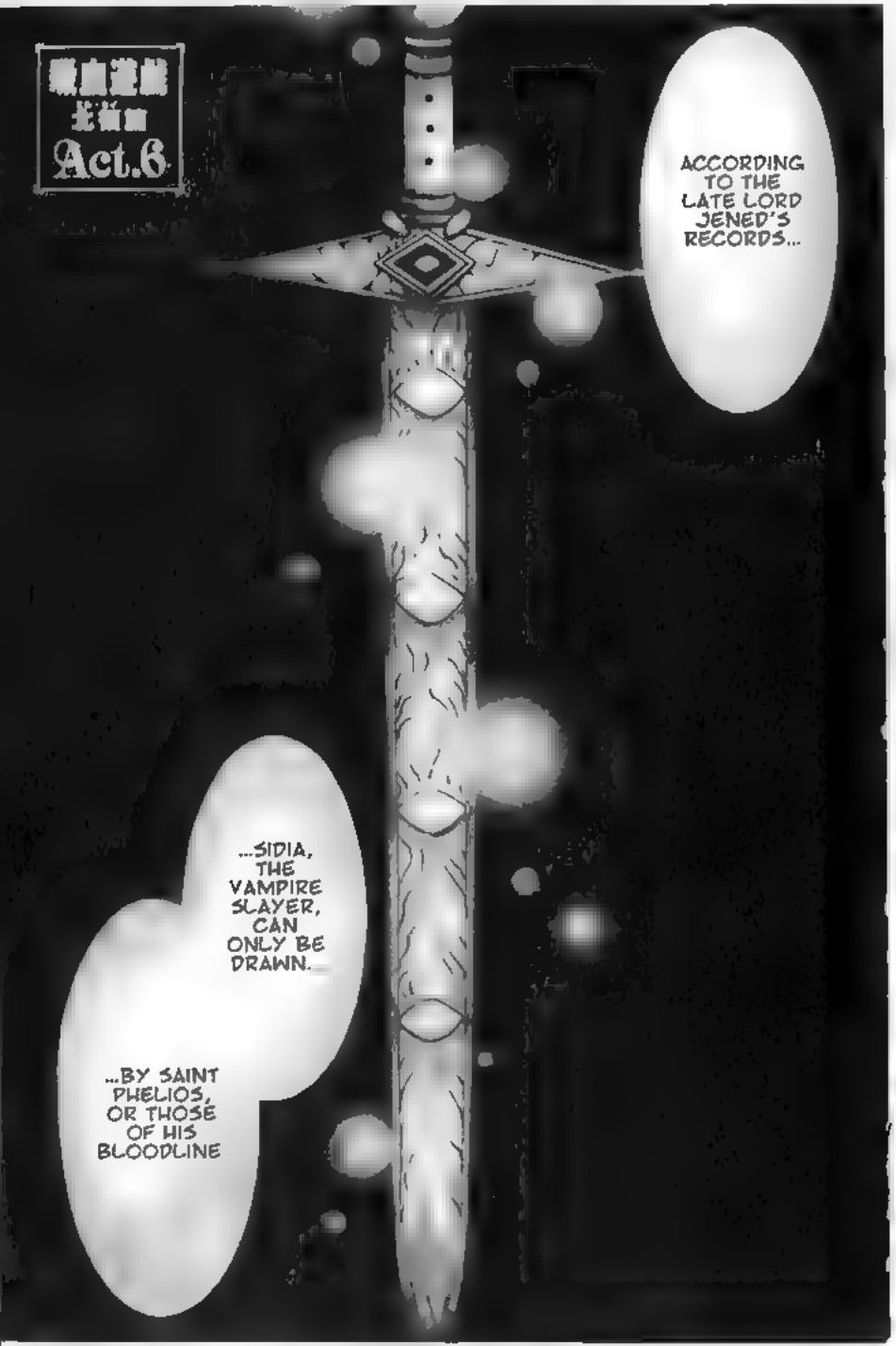
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ACCORDING TO THE LATE LORD JENED'S RECORDS...
...SIDIA, THE VAMPIRE SLAYER, CAN ONLY BE DRAWN...
...BY SAINT PHELIOS, OR THOSE OF HIS BLOODLINE

YOUR PARENTS DIDN'T HAVE MUCH, BUT THEY CHERISHED WHAT THEY HAD--EACH OTHER.
...MY PARENTS WOULD HAVE DONE AS WELL IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.
.....!!
THEY MUST HAVE BEEN WONDERFUL PEOPLE.

IN OTHER WORDS, TO DETERMINE, WITHOUT QUESTION...
IF SOMEONE IS A DESCENDENT OF PHELIOS, THEY MUST BE CAPABLE OF DRAWING THE SWORD.
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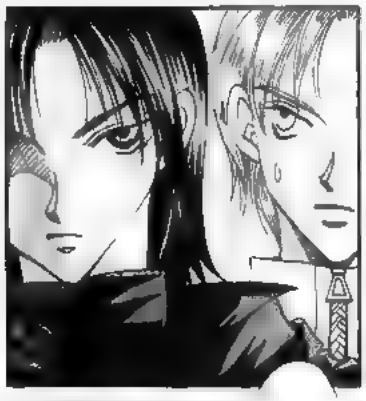
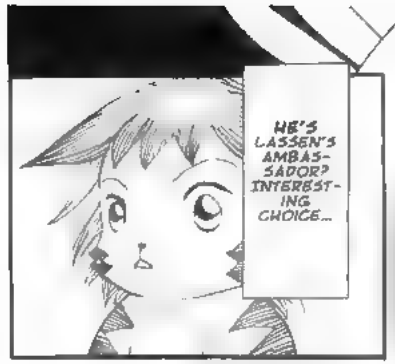
YOU'D BETTER BE RIGHT, BATS!
WHY BRING THAT UP NOW?

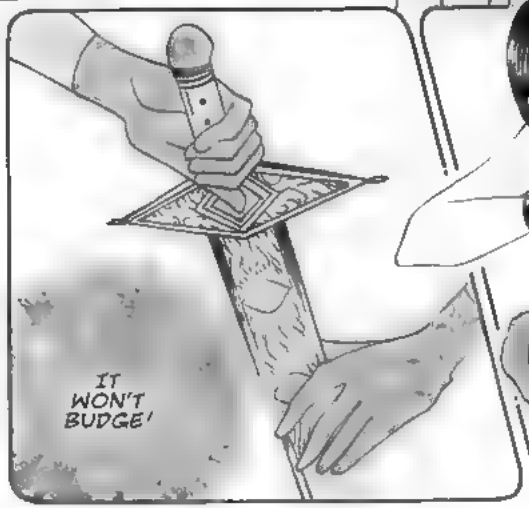

NO, YOU'RE RIGHT.

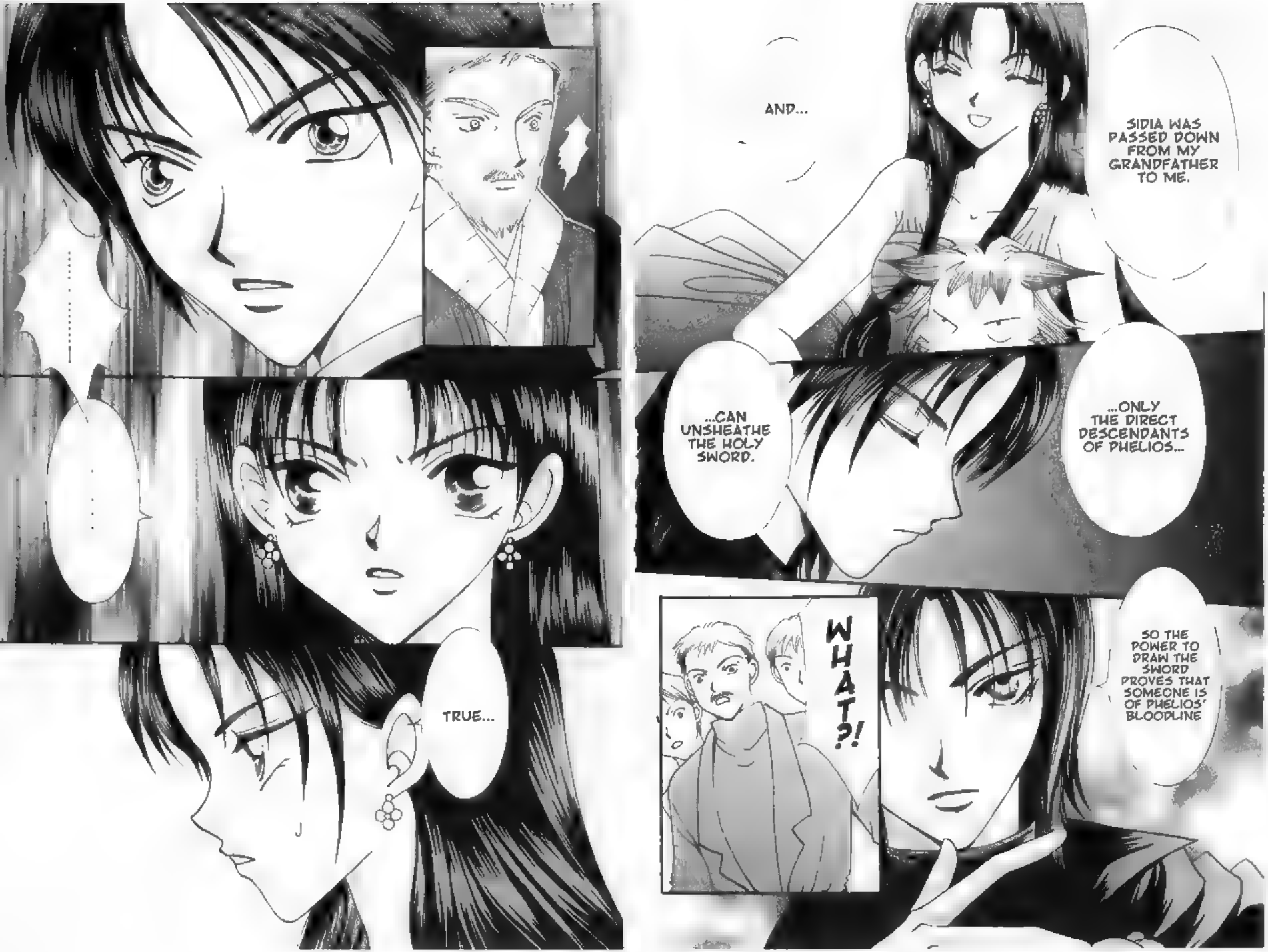
THAT SAID, LORD JENED'S RECORDS WERE RATHER.. DIS-ORGANIZED

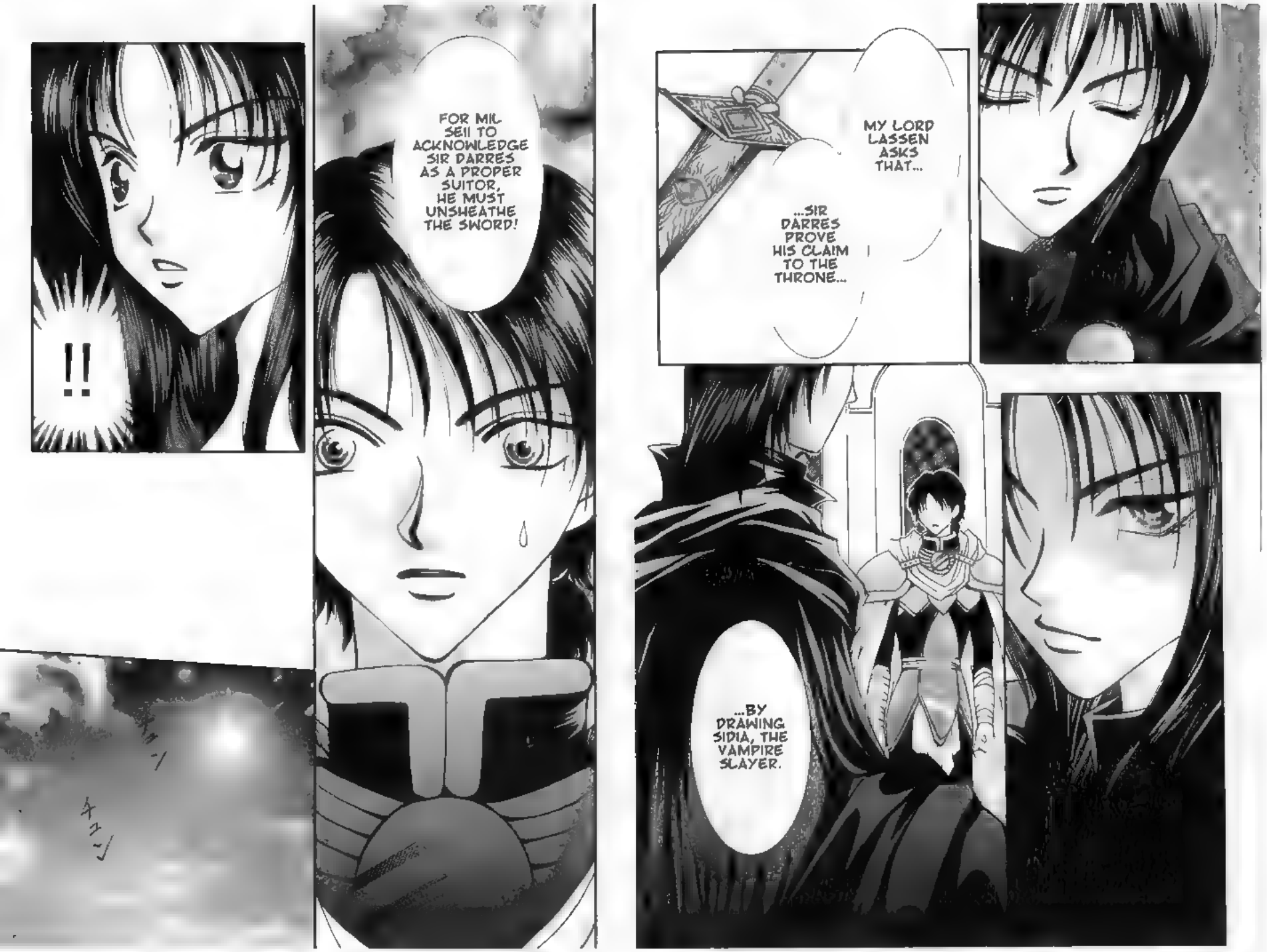

HE'S LASSEN'S AMBAS-SADOR? INTERST-ING CHOICE...

AFTER ALL, SHARLEN'S A VAMPIRE.
THE SON OF DIAAGE, NO LESS.

BUT HE'S RIGHT ABOUT SIDIA.


IT WON'T BUDGE!


SIDIA WAS PASSED DOWN FROM MY GRANDFATHER TO ME.
AND...
...ONLY THE DIRECT DESCENDANTS OF PHELIOS...
...CAN UNSHEATHE THE HOLY SWORD.
SO THE POWER TO DRAW THE SWORD PROVES THAT SOMEONE IS OF PHELIOS' BLOODLINE
WHAT?!
TRUE...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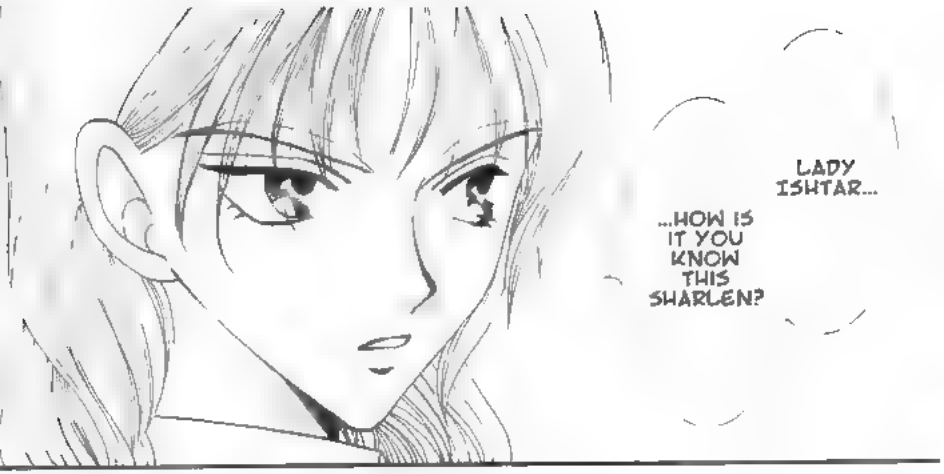
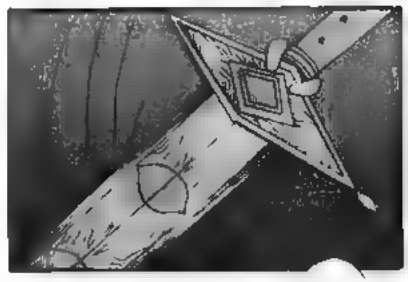
FOR MR. SEII TO ACKNOWLEDGE SIR DARRES AS A PROPER SUITOR, HE MUST UNSHEATHE THE SWORD!
MY LORD LASSEN ASKS THAT...
...SIR DARRES PROVE HIS CLAIM TO THE THRONE...
...BY DRAWING SIDIA, THE VAMPIRE SLAYER.


LADY ISHTAR...
...HOW IS IT YOU KNOW THIS SHARLEN?

HE'S A VAMPIRE?!
I JUST KNOW HE'S A VAMPIRE AND THAT HE'S DETERMINED TO UNSEAT ME OR KILL ME. ONE OR THE OTHER. I'M NOT SURE HE REALLY CARES.
I DON'T, REALLY.
...AND DUZIE WILL BE LIKE, "THAT'S SHARLEN OVER THERE." AND HE'LL BE RIGHT.
...BUT DUZELL CAN ALWAYS SPOT HIM. SHARLEN WILL BE DRESSED AS A CHAMBER-MAID OR SOME-THING...
YEAH
HE DOESN'T ALWAYS LOOK THE SAME...

Yujinn's Private Chambers
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
HOW?!
HOW'D HE FIND OUT?! THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A SECRET!



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We can stall for a while, but eventually we'll have to do it.

ALL RIGHT, LET'S TAKE A STEP BACK AND START FROM THE BEGINNING.
WHO IS THIS "DUZELL"?
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OH...
I'VE HAD IT!
I JUST CAN'T DO THIS ANYMORE!
I KNOW YOU THINK...
...THIS IS FOR THE GOOD OF THE KINGDOM...
...BUT IT'S JUST CREATING A BIGGER MESS!

MAYBE IF WE JUST CAME CLEAN...
...THINGS WOULD GO BACK TO THE WAY THEY WERE BEFORE.
HA HA HA HA!
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YOU KNOW THAT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN.
LASSEN WOULD NEVER LET US SLIDE AND IF THE PEOPLE FIND OUT THAT WE MADE A FRAUDULENT CLAIM TO THE THRONE...
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?!
SORRY. THOUGHT YOU KNEW.
.....!!
SO WILL ASHLEY AND EVERYONE ELSE THAT HELPED WITH THIS PLAN.
THEY'LL PROBABLY HANG US ALL TOGETHER. THAT'S AFTER THEY GIVE US A FEW TURNS ON THE RACK, OF COURSE.
...WE'LL BE TRIED FOR TREASON
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NOW YOU.
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ANYWAY, FIRST THINGS FIRST.
シャキン
LET'S SEE IF SHARLEN'S TELLING THE TRUTH.

I'M GLAD YOU ENJOYED THAT
YUUJEL LOOKED LIKE HE WAS GOING TO STAIN THE BLOODY CARPET!
RIGHT, MOM?
AND HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE IT COULDN'T BE TURNED AGAINST HIM.
...CREATED SIDIA TO DESTROY VAMPIRES. HE KNEW A WEAPON THAT POWERFUL WOULD GET OUR ATTENTION.
PHEL-IOS...
.....
EITHER WAY, IT WAS CLEVER.
DO YOU THINK HE KNEW THAT HE WOULDN'T SURVIVE THE BATTLE?
DID YOU SEE THE LOOK ON THEIR MUGS WHEN YOU ASKED DARRES TO DRAW THE SWORD?!
BATS, FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THAT ALONE MADE THIS ALL WORTH IT!

THEY CAN'T HIDE THE REAL SIDIA FROM ME.
WHEN I CLOSE MY EYES, I SEE IT BURNING LIKE THE SUN.
SIDIA'S POWER COMES FROM THE SOULS OF THE VAMPIRES THAT WERE SACRIFICED TO CRAFT IT
.....?
MY MOTHER, DIAAGE, HAD THE HONOR OF BEING SIDIA'S MAIN INGREDIENT.

SO WHAT'S THEIR NEXT MOVE?
YUUJEL WON'T GIVE UP SO EASILY.
THIS IS HIS PLAN, AND HE'S DETERMINED TO SEE IT THROUGH.
MY GUESS...
...OR THEY'LL TRY AND PASS OFF A FAKE.
THEY'LL SAY SIDIA WAS STOLEN...
YOU COULDN'T, BUT I ASSURE YOU THAT I COULD.
THEY'VE GOT TIME TO DO A GOOD FAKE. HOW ARE WE GOING TO TELL THE DIFFER-ENCE?!

...ON RUELLES, BUT NOTHING ABOUT SIDIA!
THERE'S LOTS OF STUFF
I'M LOOKING...
...ISH.
DAD'S PAPERS ARE SUCH A MESS! I DON'T KNOW HOW HE FOUND ANYTHING IN HERE!

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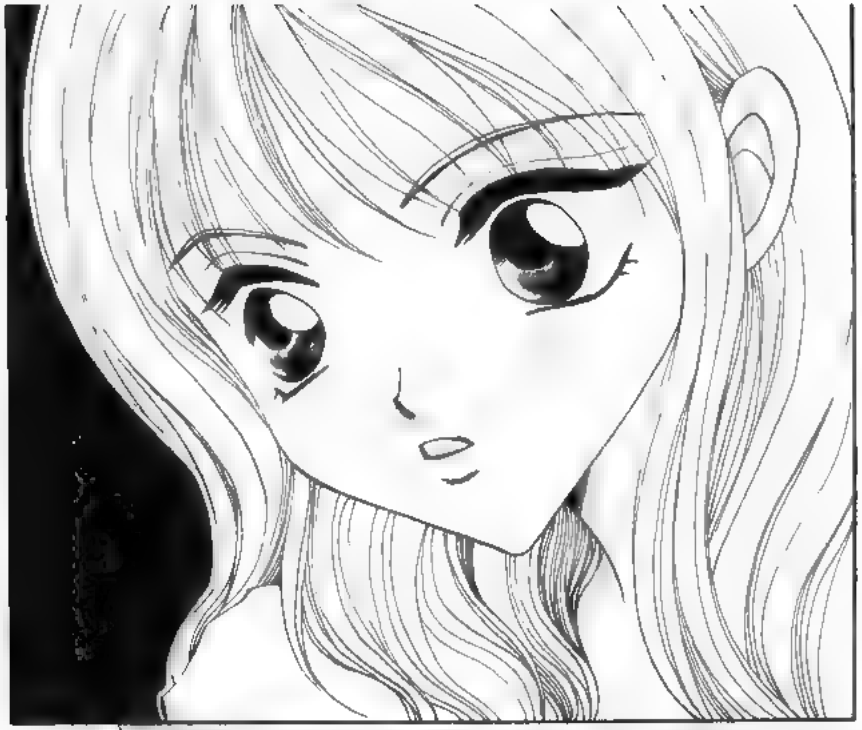

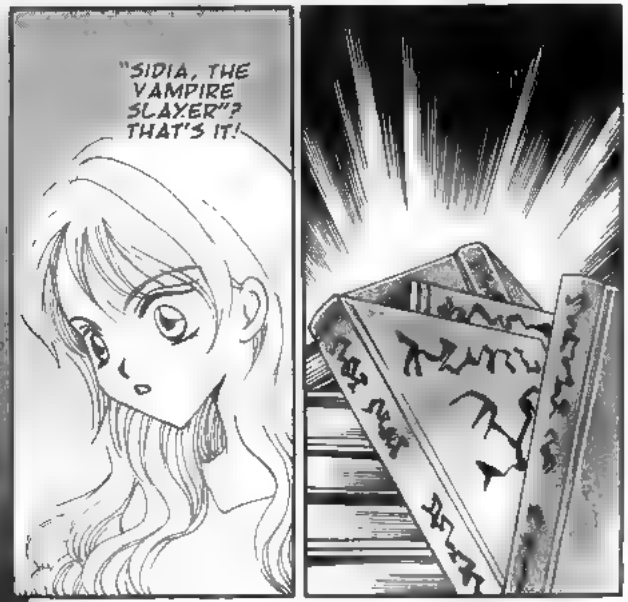
"SIDIA, THE VAMPIRE SLAYER"? THAT'S IT!

NO, IT'S NOT A BOTHER. I'M GLAD I CAN HELP!

I'LL KEEP LOOKING, AND LET YOU KNOW IF I FIND ANYTHING.
BYE!

OOPS!

...I'M AFRAID IT CAN'T BE HELPED. LADY FALAN, I NEED YOU TO ACCOMPANY ME.
...BUT SINCE YOU'VE STARTED PRYING INTO MY LORD'S AFFAIRS...
I HAD HOPED THIS WOULDN'T HAPPEN...
WHAT?
ROY?

LADY FALAN, IS EVERY-THING ALL RIGHT?
!!
OH, ROY! YOU GAVE ME QUITE A FRIGHT!
I WAS JUST LOOKING FOR SOME-THING .
.. AND I THINK I JUST FOUND IT.

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WE'RE GOING TO SEE LORD SHARLEN. COME ALONG... QUIETLY.
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SIDIA, THE HOLY SWORD OF PHELIOS.
I DON'T GET IT!
THE DAMN THING WON'T BUDGE!
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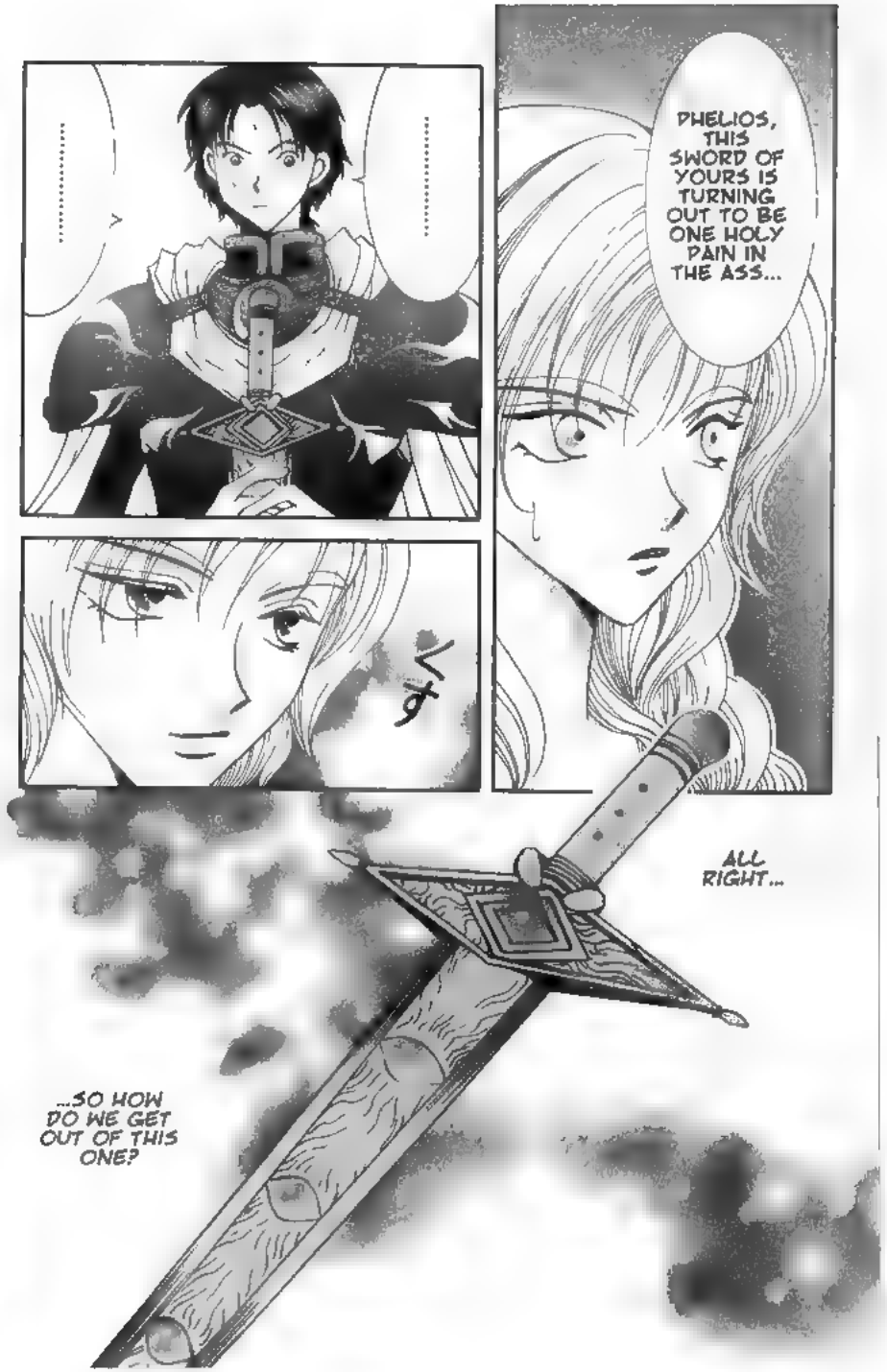
PHELIOS, THIS SWORD OF YOURS IS TURNING OUT TO BE ONE HOLY PAIN IN THE ASS...
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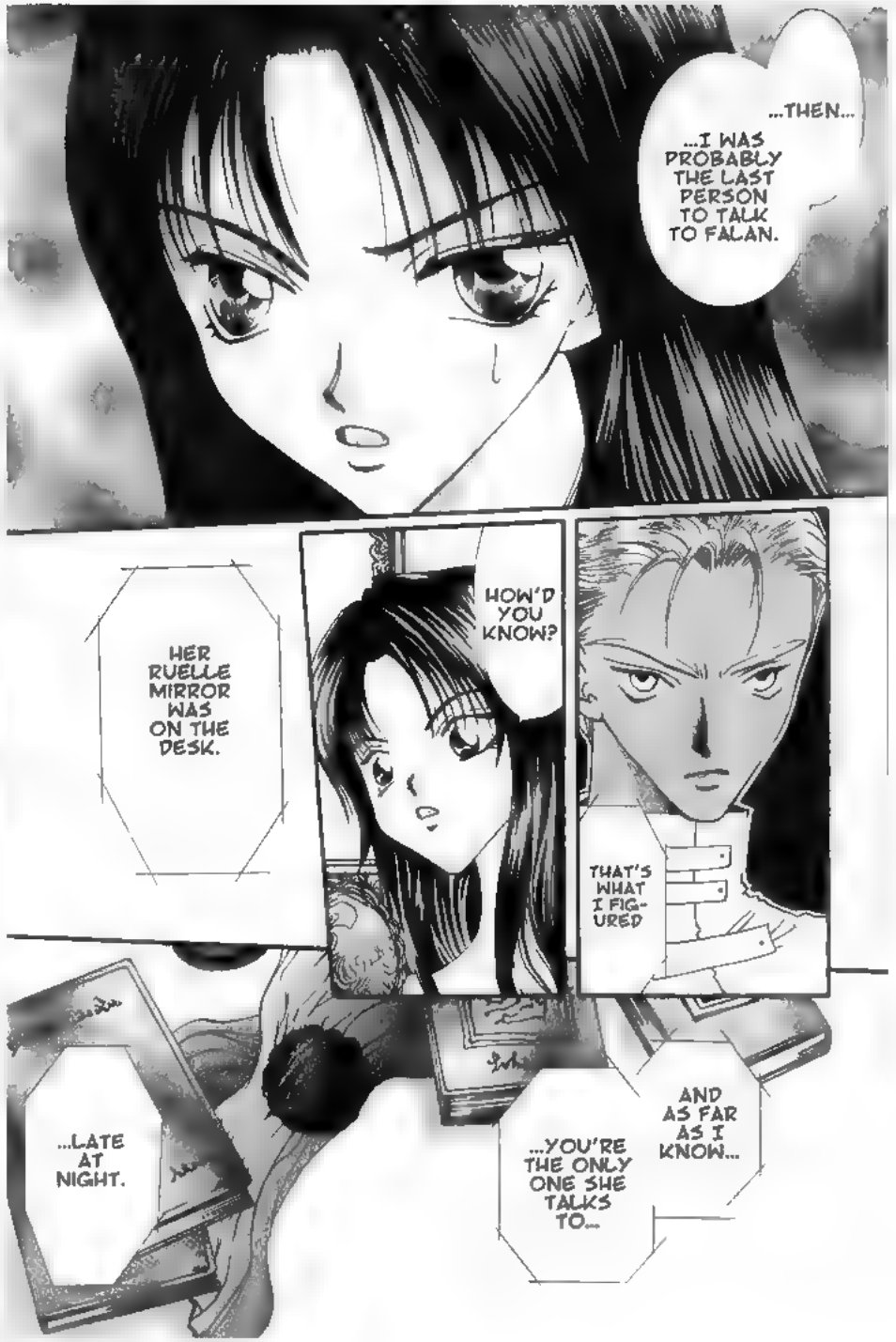
ALL RIGHT...
...SO HOW DO WE GET OUT OF THIS ONE?

LAST I SAW, SHE WAS UP LATE, ROOTING AROUND IN THE LIBRARY. BUT HER BED'S STILL MADE...
...SO I DON'T THINK SHE WENT BACK TO HER ROOM.
SHE DIDN'T...
...TAKE ANY OF HER THINGS EITHER.
IF SHE WAS LAST SEEN IN THE LIBRARY...
I'LL...
...KEEP LOOKING, AND LET YOU KNOW...
...IF I FIND ANY-THING.

Pheliosta Castle
WHAT DO YOU MEAN FALAN'S GONE?!

THESE BOOKS ARE ALL FROM HIS LIBRARY.
...I'D GUESS THAT SHE WAS DOING SOME RESEARCH ON HER FATHER'S HOBBY.
FROM THE LOOK OF THIS PLACE...
Nice work, Sherlock
OH...
ANY IDEA WHAT SHE WAS LOOKING FOR?
WELL...


...THEN...
...I WAS PROBABLY THE LAST PERSON TO TALK TO FALAN.
HER RUELLE MIRROR WAS ON THE DESK.
HOW'D YOU KNOW?
THAT'S WHAT I FIG-URED
...LATE AT NIGHT.
...YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE SHE TALKS TO...
AND AS FAR AS I KNOW...

I DON'T KNOW IF IT HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH HER DISAPPEARANCE...
...BUT...
...SHE WAS...

Zzz...
AAAARGH!
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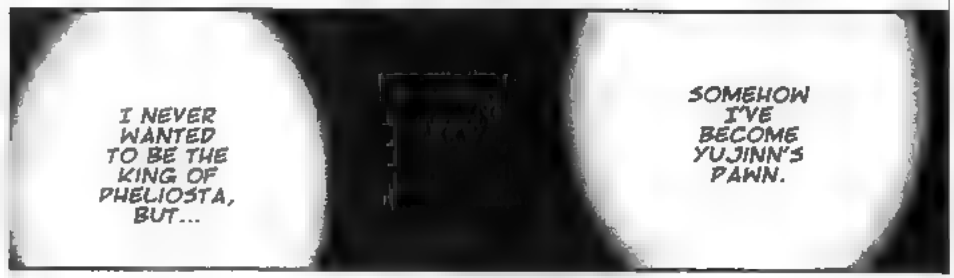
YOUR PARENTS DIDN'T HAVE MUCH, BUT THEY CHERISHED WHAT THEY HAD--EACH OTHER.

HUFF!
HUFF!
HOW ON EARTH DID HE TALK ME INTO THIS?


I NEVER WANTED TO BE THE KING OF PHELIOSTA, BUT...
SOMEHOW I'VE BECOME YUJINN'S PAWN.

WELL...
...I FIGURED WE'VE GOT NOTHING TO LOSE BY TELLING HIM TO PUT UP OR SHUT UP.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT??
I WONDER WHAT HE'LL DO?
I WISH I COULD SEE HIS FACE WHEN HE GETS THIS.
WELL...
...I WROTE LASSEN A LETTER...
...CALLING HIM OUT.

I'VE GOT IT!
.....?
LET'S SEE HOW LASSEN LIKES THESE APPLES.

La Naan Castle
WAIT A SEC! YOU SIGNED IT "LOVE"?!
FALAN WAS LOOKING FOR A BOOK ON SIDIA WHEN SHE DIS-APPEARED?
YES.
AND...
...NOW I'M RUNNING AROUND LIKE CRAZY LOOKING FOR HER.

IT SAYS: "DEAR LASSEN...
BEFORE YOU ASK SOMEONE ELSE TO DRAW SIDIA...
...LET'S SEE YOU DO IT YOUR-SELF.
LOVE, YUUJEL"
LASSEN'S COMING HERE?!

...IT APPEARED THAT SHARLEN...
...HAD INTENDED TO TURN SEILIEZ INTO A VAMPIRE.
HE HAD THOSE BITES ON HIS NECK, YOU RECALL.
...SEILIEZ NEVER DEVELOPED A TASTE FOR BLOOD.
RIGHT.
BUT SINCE SHARLEN WAS UNABLE TO COMPLETE THE SPELL...

THAT SHARLEN HAS SHOWN UP YET AGAIN, THIS TIME AS LASSEN'S AMBASSADOR, CANNOT BE A COINCIDENCE.
SHARLEN? THE VAMPIRE?
YEP.
THE SAME ONE THAT WAS TRYING TO ENCHANT SEILIEZ.
ACCORD-ING TO...
...THE WIZARD THAT TREATED SEILIEZ...
.....

I CAN'T HELP WONDERING ABOUT OUR DEAR BROTHER.
SHARLEN PROBABLY STILL HAS A FEW OF HIS HOOKS IN HIM.
NOW WOULD BE A VERY INOPPORTUNE TIME FOR THOSE HOOKS TO GROW TEETH.
HMM...
I'LL LEAVE SEILIEZ UP TO YOU, LAPHIJI.
!!
NOW ALL THIS DRAMA ABOUT DRAWING SIDIA...
...AND FALAN DISAPPEARING WHILE RESEARCHING THE HOLY SWORD. I'D SAY SOMEONE'S GETTING NERVOUS.
UH... FUNNIER THAN USUAL, I MEAN.
UNTIL WE GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS, KEEP AN EYE ON SEILIEZ. IF HE STARTS ACTING FUNNY, LET ME KNOW RIGHT AWAY.
NO PROB-LEM.
LAPHIJI!!

DID YOU HEAR? EVERYONE'S SAYING...
...THAT SIDIA CAN ONLY BE DRAWN BY PHELIOS' DESCENDENTS!
THAT MEANS WE COULDN'T... OH, YOU'RE TALKING TO SOMEONE!

OH, HI, VORD.
WOW, BAD NEWS TRAVELS FAST, HUH?
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VORD, WAIT!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT SIDIA, SERIEZ. WE'LL DEAL WITH THAT WHEN THE TIME COMES.
I HAVE TO GO.
SEE YA!
WHAT DID HE MEAN "WHEN THE TIME COMES"?
.....?

YES, SIR!
KEEP LOOKING. SHE CAN'T HAVE GONE FAR.

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CAPTAIN!
WE'VE SEARCHED THE ENTIRE CITY.
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LADY FALAN ISN'T HERE.

SIDIA...
WAIT, ILLSAIDE!

THIS MIGHT NOT MEAN ANYTHING, BUT...
...BEFORE SHE DISAPPEARED FALAN WAS IN THE LIBRARY...
...LOOKING FOR A BOOK ON SIDIA.

RAIN...

DON'T WORRY, VORD!
I DON'T THINK THEY'VE HURT HER. YET.
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

YUJINN AND DARRES WENT TO MIL SEII?
IT MAKES NO SENSE TO ME EITHER. ESPECIALLY SINCE THEY SENT THE LETTER AT THE EXACT SAME TIME.
THEY'LL PROBABLY BEAT IT THERE.
THAT'S CRAZY!

WHAT?!

I'M SURE HE HAD HIS REASONS.
KELD GAVE THEM THE GO-AHEAD...
REALLY, PRINCESS, I DON'T SEE WHAT THE BIG DEAL IS.
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW LASSEN!

DARRES IS STILL MY PERSONAL GUARD!
HOW COULD YUJINN TAKE DARRES WITH HIM WITHOUT FIRST CONSULTING ME?!
I IMAGINE THEY THOUGHT YOU'D INSIST ON COMING.
YUJINN SAID .
...THERE WAS SOMETHING HE NEEDED TO SEE...
...IN MIL SEII.

I'M SO WORRIED ABOUT HER, DUZIE!
DO YOU THINK YOU COULD USE YOUR MAGIC TO FIND HER?
YOU DON'T THINK...

YOU'D THINK HE WAS THE DEVIL HIMSELF THE WAY HE HAS EVERYONE SPOOKED
I NEED TO HELP FIND FALAN!
FINE! LET YUJINN AND DARRES TAKE THEIR LITTLE FIELD TRIP.

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I WOULD NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO FALAN!
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COME ON, DUZIE!
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO TO HELP FIND HER!
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DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. HE'LL FIND HER.
IF I USED MY MAGIC, I MIGHT THROW HIM OFF THE SCENT.
HUH?
AS LONG AS IT'S RAINING...
...NO ONE CAN HIDE FROM HIM.

ILLSAIDE? I HADN'T THOUGHT OF ASKING HIM...
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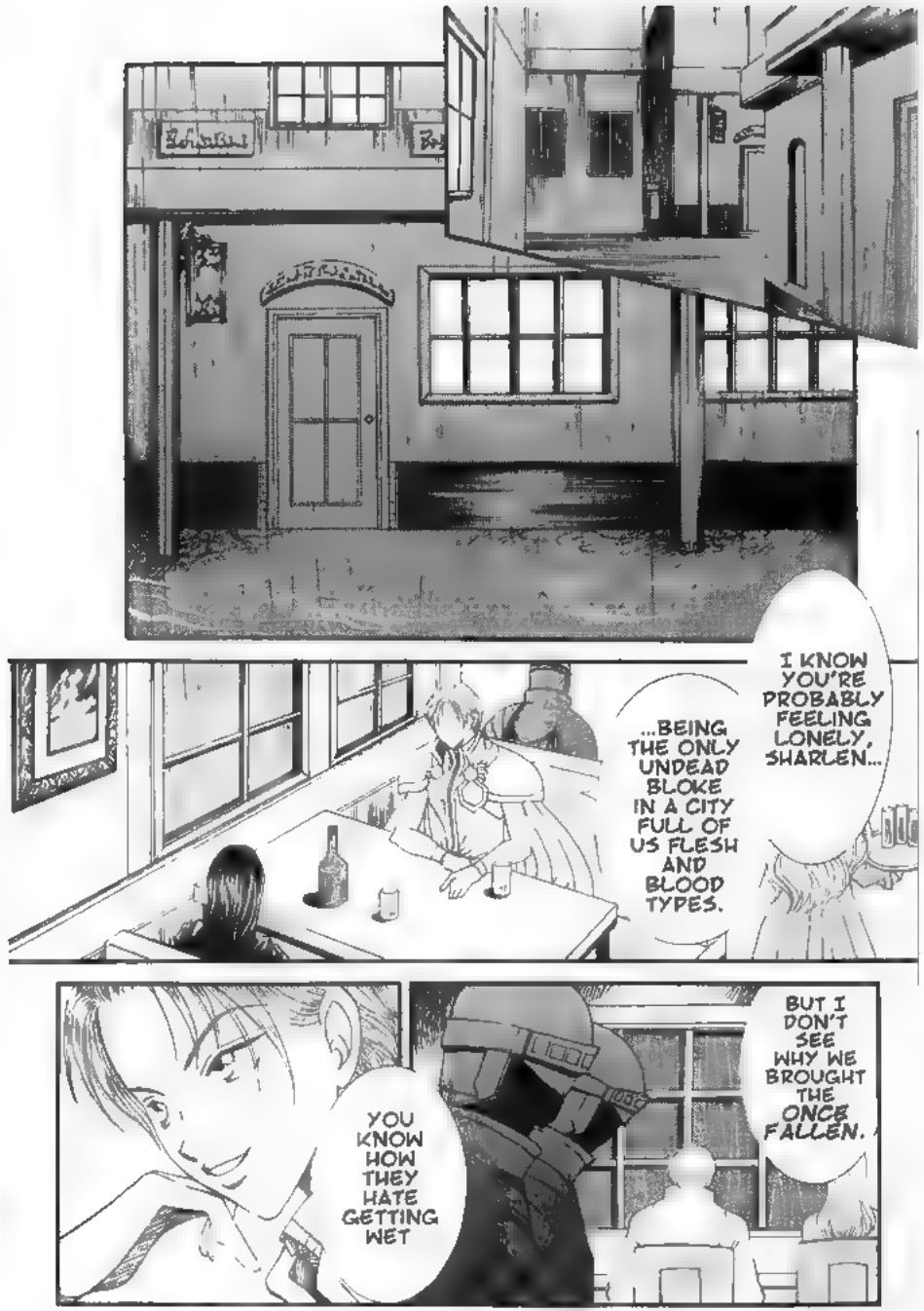
DUZIE...
ILLSAIDE.
HE'S PART SEA MONSTER, REMEMBER? THE RAIN AMPLIFIES HIS POWER
...WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IF ANY-ONE CAN FIND HER. HE WILL.


I KNOW YOU'RE PROBABLY FEELING LONELY, SHARLEN'...
...BEING THE ONLY UNDEAD BLOKE IN A CITY FULL OF US FLESH AND BLOOD TYPES.
YOU KNOW HOW THEY HATE GETTING WET
BUT I DON'T SEE WHY WE BROUGHT THE ONCE FALLEN.

WE CAN HANDLE THIS SO-CALLED VAMPIRE KING ON OUR OWN.
HE'S OBVIOUSLY SCARED OF US. OTHERWISE, WHY WOULDN'T HE SHOW HIMSELF?
WE MAY NEED YOUR MEN SOONER THAN YOU THINK.

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AAAAAAH!
HUH?
KABOOM!!!

SHARLEN!
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE?!
THIS BAR'S GETTING TOO ROUGH FOR ME!
YIKES! HE GO BOOM!
WHERE IS SHE?
HAVEN'T MET?
THIS IS TLESAIDE.
LORD JENED'S BASTARD SON...

...AND THE "HOLY [illegible] OF CI XENETH.
HIS NEED FOR IT IS GREAT.
I'M PERSON-ALLY BEGGING YOU.
PLEASE LEND SIDIA TO YUUJEL.

BUT WHY'S HE BEING SO SNEAKY ALL OF A SUDDEN?!
HE CAN BORROW SIDIA ANY TIME HE WANTS!
HE COULD HAVE ASKED ME IN PERSON!
THIS LETTER BUSINESS REALLY PISSES ME OFF!

HERE...
...HAVE YOUR FASTEST MESSEN-GER...
...TAKE THIS TO YUJINN.
Phew!
THANK YOU, YOUR MAJESTY. WE'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT.

HE JUST DID IT THIS WAY SO...
...I COULDN'T COME WITH THEM!
I'M SURE HE DIDN'T MEAN TO OFFEND YOU.
THAT POSS-IBILITY MAY HAVE...
...INFLU-ENCED HIS ACTIONS.
OKAY, I'M OVER IT.

YOU ALWAYS KNOW JUST WHAT I'M THINKING!
YOU'RE SO SMART!
LET ME GUESS, WE'RE GOING AFTER YUJINN?
BUT THIS TIME, WE'RE GOING TO DO THINGS A BIT DIFFER-ENTLY.
WHY DON'T I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT?

YOU'D BETTER.
IF FALAN DISAPPEARED BECAUSE OF WHAT SHE DISCOVERED ABOUT SIDIA...
...THEN LASSEN IS PROBABLY INVOLVED.
HE'S BEEN AWFULLY INTERESTED IN THE HOLY SWORD LATELY.
DUZIE!

DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE THE ONCE FALLEN KNIGHTS OF LODOC?
OH, DUZIE!
I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT.
RELATED?
SINCE YOU'RE NOT REALLY DEAD EITHER, YOU GUYS ARE PRACTICALLY RELATED!
WE'LL USE YOUR MAGIC, DUZIE!
AND WE'LL BEAT YUJINN AND DARRES TO MIL SEII!
PRINCESS, BEING YOUR CAT IS ONE THING...
...BUT I'M NOT YOUR DAMNED HORSE.
WILL WE, NOW?
.....!!

...I MUST DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO STOP HIM.
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ILLSAIDE, I'M GOING TO LEAVE FALAN UP TO YOU.
PLEASE HURRY.
IF LASSEN WILL STOP AT NOTHING...
...TO WIN THE THRONE OF PHELIOSTA, THEN...

THIS TRIP MAY JUST PROVE TO BE WORTH MY WHILE AFTER ALL.
OWW!
THE MAGIC'S A BIT MUCH, THOUGH.

THIS KID'S NOT BAD!

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LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE ABLE TO SEE MY BOYS IN ACTION AFTER ALL.
THERE IS TO BE NO QUARTER GIVEN!
ONCE FALLEN!
FORM RANKS AND ATTACK!

HOLY WARRIOR, YOU'LL HAVE TO TRY HARDER THAN THAT.
RUN THEM THROUGH WITH YOUR SWORD...
HEH...
...AND THE ONCE FALLEN GET RIGHT BACK UP.

I'LL ACCEPT YOUR SURRENDER NOW.

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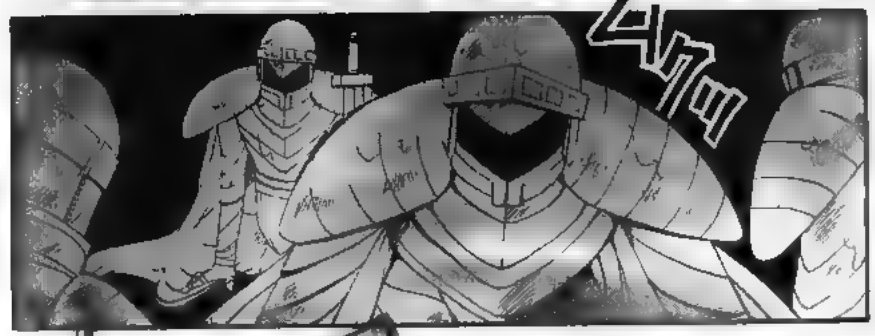
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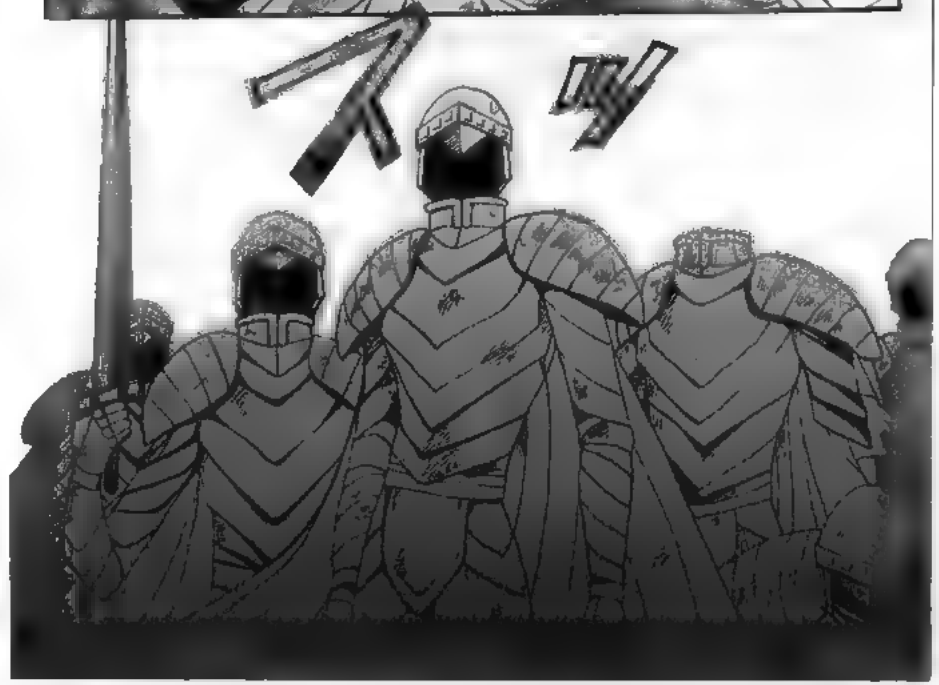
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HUME!
STAY YOUR HAND! CALL YOUR MEN OFF!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WE HAVE HIM!

NOW YOU TELL ME.
THERE'S A REASON THEY CALL HIM THE HOLY WARRIOR.
YOUR INDEAD KNIGHTS
ARE NO MATCH FOR HIS HOLY MAGIC.
I'M NOT GOING TO ASK YOU AGAIN. WHERE'S FALAN?
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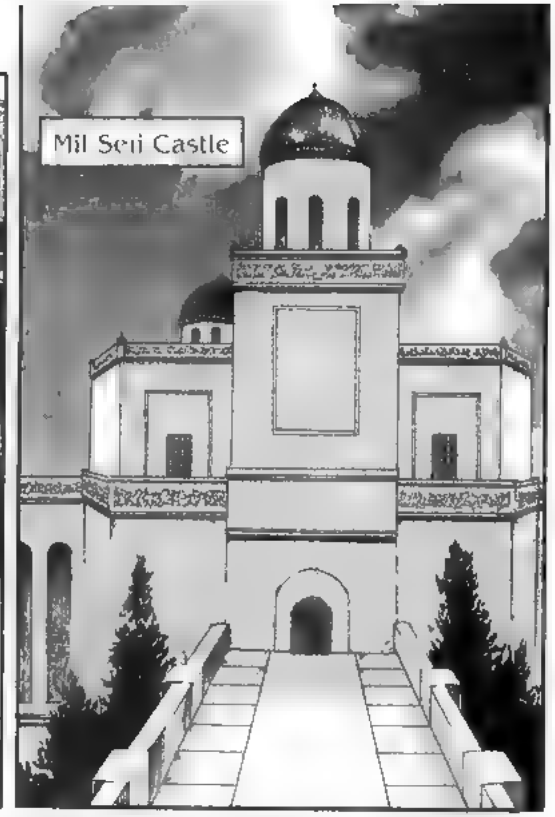
IF EVERYONE'S SO SCARED OF THIS LASSEN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HEY, SIR GARROS!
HOW'S IT GOING?

YOU OLD FOX! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN FOREVER!
YOU LOOK GREAT!
YOUR MAJ-ESTY...
STILL CHASING THE CHAMBER-MAIDS?
LADY ISHTAR! YOU'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE! IT'S NOT SAFE!
.....!!

...THEN YOU THINK WE'D AT LEAST KNOCK BEFORE MARCHING THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR?
MOST FEARED MEN DON'T TAKE KINDLY TO,UNINVITED GUESTS.
THEN WHY SNEAK AROUND?
YOUR MAGIC IS AT FULL STRENGTH, RIGHT?
...OF A BUNCH OF TIN SUITS?
...THE VAMPIRE KING WATCHING MY BACK, WHY SHOULD I BE AFRAID
WITH...
WATCHING YOUR BACK?

GARROS...
I BEG YOU!

NOR ARE THE PHANTOMS...
AND HE'S NOT KNOWN FOR HIS HOSPIT-ALITY.
BUT HE COULD BE BACK AT ANY MOMENT
THANKFULLY, LORD LASSEN ISN'T HERE RIGHT NOW.

...THAT HAUNT THESE HALLS. SO PLEASE LEAVE! NOW!

I WANT TO KNOW WHY WE'RE REALLY GOING TO MIL SEII.
AND WHO ARE THESE KNIGHTS I KEEP HEARING ABOUT?
DID YOU WANT TO USE THE LUKE? I DIDN'T WANT LASSEN TO KNOW WE HAD ONE...
...IN CASE WE NEEDED TO MAKE A QUICK EXIT.
NO, I DON'T MIND RIDING.
IT'LL TAKE...
...TWO MORE DAYS.
THE LEGENDARY ONCE FALLEN KNIGHTS OF LODOC.
AH!
YES, I MEANT TO DISCUSS THEM WITH YOU.
THEY'RE GOING TO BE A PROBLEM.
HMM?
WHAT IS IT?
SOME-THING'S BEEN BOTHERING ME, YUJINN.
ANY FASTER AND WE RISK THE HORSES.
SIDIA SHOULD GET THERE THE DAY AFTER THAT.

PROB-ABLY.
YOU DO REALIZE THAT I DON'T KNOW ANY HOLY MAGIC, DON'T YOU? IF I GET INTO A SCUFFLE WITH THESE GUYS, I'M SCREWED.
NO ORDINARY WEAPON CAN HARM THEM
LIGHT THEM ON FIRE-- THEY WILL NOT BURN. SUBMERGE THEM IN WATER-- THEY WILL NOT DROWN.
THERE'S ONE THING I KNOW OF THAT CAN PUT THEM DOWN FOR GOOD, AND THAT'S HOLY MAGIC.
ONCE THIS WAR STARTS...
...WE'LL HAVE TO COUNTER THE ONCE FALLEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
...SOME WAY AROUND THAT.
WE'LL HAVE TO FIGURE OUT...
NOW, WAIT JUST A MINUTE!
WHAT WAR?

I'M SURE YOU REMEMBER WHEN MIL SEII CONQUERED LODOC.
IT WAS ONLY A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO.
AFTER THEIR VICTORY, MIL SEII INHERITED WHAT WAS LEFT OF LODOC'S ARMY... INCLUDING THE ONCE FALLEN
SOLDIERS WHO TRADED THEIR VERY SOULS FOR SKILL ON THE BATTLE-FIELD.
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BUT DEAD, THEY'RE UNSTOP-PABLE. AFTER ALL, HOW CAN YOU KILL THAT WHICH WAS ALREADY SLAIN?
WHILE LIVING...
...THEY WERE FORMIDABLE. THERE WAS NO GREATER SQUADRON

I WANT...
...TO OBSERVE THESE UNDEAD SOLDIERS BEFORE WE MEET THEM ON THE BATTLEFIELD.
MAYBE I CAN FIND A WEAK-NESS.

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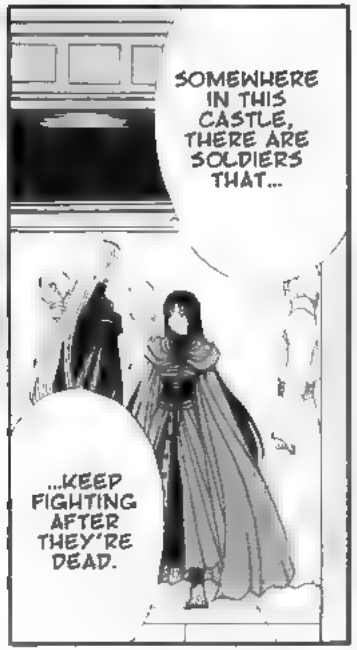
SIR YUJINN! THERE'S SOMEONE HERE TO SEE YOU!
KNOCK KNOCK

CIVIL WAR.
THE ONE THAT'S BREWING.
AND AS OF RIGHT NOW, I DON'T SEE A WAY OUT OF IT.

WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?
YOU TOLD GARROS WE WERE LEAVING, AND THEN WE SNUCK BACK IN.
YOU SHOULD BE.

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
THAT'S AMUSING COMING FROM A VAMPIRE
KING DUZELL...


SOMEWHERE IN THIS CASTLE, THERE ARE SOLDIERS THAT...
...KEEP FIGHTING AFTER THEY'RE DEAD.

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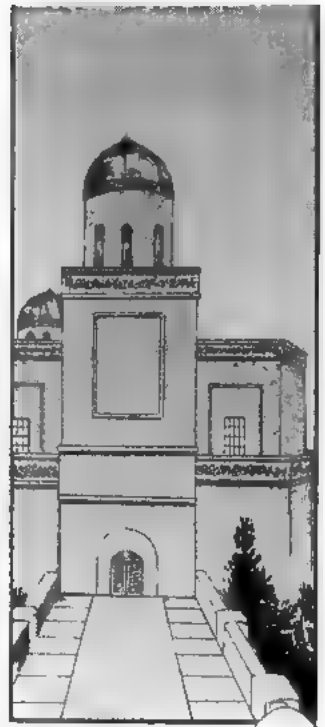

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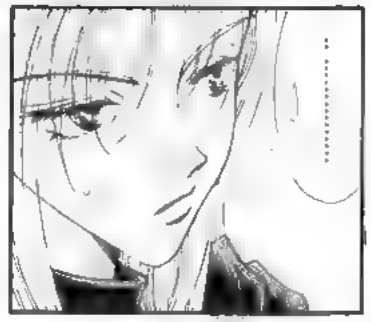
DUZIE!
LOOK AT THIS PLACE! IT'S FULL OF SPOOKS!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DUZIE, I'M SCARED.
SOME OF THEM LOOK LIKE THEY JUST DIED, AND OTHER ONES...

PLEASE COME WITH ME.
QUEEN LAILIS IS WAITING.
WHAT?
LAILIS?
HOW DOES SHE KNOW ME? HAVE I MET THIS WOMAN?

DID YUJINN ORDER THESE?
YOUR ORDER, SIR SHOULD I PUT THESE ON YOUR BILL?

UH... SURE. THANKS.

A VISITOR? BUT NO ONE KNOWS WE'RE HERE
COULD THE MESSENGER CARRYING SIDIA...
...HAVE CAUGHT UP TO US?
KNOCK KNOCK

YUJINN!
RIDING ALL DAY DOES DRY ONE OUT...
GULP
THERE WASN'T ANYONE DOWN THERE.
I THINK SOME-ONE'S TAKING US FOR--
I'D HAVE THOUGHT THIS WOULD GO WITHOUT SAYING...
...BUT BE CAREFUL OF WHAT YOU EAT AND DRINK.

I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD
.....

LASSEN'S HOBBY IS COLLECTING POISONS.
...HIS PARENTS WERE POISONED BY AN ASSASSIN, HE'S BEEN OBSESSED WITH TOXINS.
EVER SINCE...
HE WAS SURELY BEHIND SOME OF THE POISONING ATTEMPTS ON LADY ISHTAR.

YUUJEL! IT'S BEEN AWHILE, MY OLD FRIEND.

!!
UH...

LASSEN?
ROLAND?
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YOU'RE LOOKING FIT.
AND THIS MUST BE SIR DARRES I'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT HIM.
HE'S LOOKING... LESS FIT.
LASSEN!

MY LORD...
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR SO LONG! I THOUGHT I'D NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN!
Sob!
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UM, SORRY, BUT WHO ARE YOU?
IN YOUR LAST LIFE...
OF COURSE! THIS BODY MUST LOOK STRANGE TO YOU.

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SHOULD I BE TEARING UP HERE AS WELL?

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...I WAS YOUR MOST FAITHFUL SERVANT.
I AM RISHAS.
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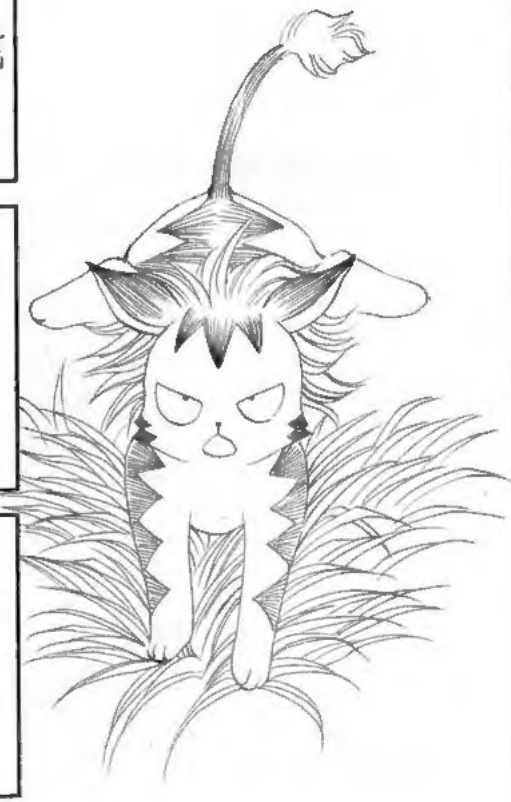
Please Not Another Postscript

Hello!

WE'VE GOTTEN DEEP INTO THE MIL SEII STORYLINE IN THIS VOLUME, AND IF YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED, I'M PULLING OUT ALL THE STOPS! I'VE INTRODUCED NEW CHARACTERS...
New
Old
The usual



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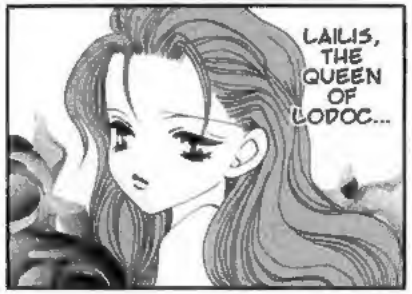

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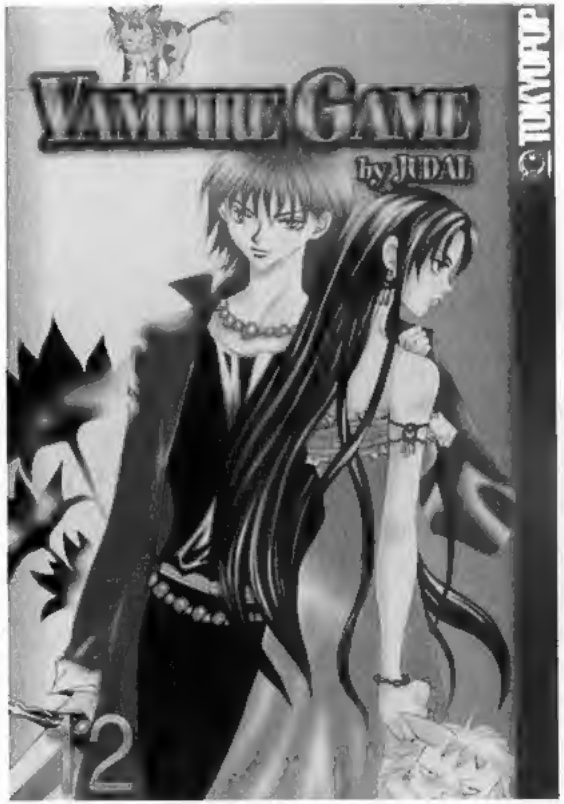

Rishas, Duzell's former lover and companion, has been reincarnated as Lalis, the Queen of Lodoc. However, if Duzell seems a little less than excited, it may be because of the crush he's developed on Ishtar. Over the past few volumes, you've probably noticed the meditative thoughts, the look of longing in Duzell's beautiful blue kitty eyes, the sensuous purring and rubbing up against Ishtar's calf... Eh, you get the picture. Lalis has noticed as well, and she's not exactly happy about it. You know what they say about a woman scorned? Well, it's even worse when that woman scorned used to be a vampire. And that's to say nothing about Darres, Yujinn and those pesky Once Fallen. Yes, it looks like all our boys are in for a bloody bad time when Vampire Game returns!

Finally
I'VE BEEN JUST MAKING MY DEADLINES LATELY. MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR SUCH A LONG TIME.
Editorial Department
DELIVERY!
HERE IT IS!
I HOPE IT'S DELIVERED BY MY DEADLINE...
...SEND OUT THE MANUSCRIPT...
I'M ALWAYS AFRAID THAT I'LL...
...WITHOUT THE LAST PAGE!
IF I DO, CALL ME PSYCHIC!
HOW ABOUT I CALL YOU "FIRED"?
Recently...
...NOW IT'S REALLY STARTING TO BUG ME.
I'VE HAD THIS CAVITY FOR A LONG TIME, BUT...
IT'S GETTING BIGGER, AND IT HURTS!
IT HURTS!
I KNOW I SHOULD GO TO A DENTIST.
BUT I HATE THE SOUND OF THE DRILL!
I'LL GO BEFORE THE NEXT VOLUME COMES OUT (PROBABLY)...
I'M SUCH A WIMP!

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